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By: Aaron Hukamana**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re application of:**

William E. Rich, et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 29, 2004, please amend the
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
 paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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